(a) what are the details of the new assistance norms suggested by the Central Government to the States for providing relief in areas affected by natural calamities and the date from which they come into force;

(b) whether the norms include gratuitous relief and what is the quantum of assistance for resettlement;

(c) whether the State Governments have accepted the suggestions made by the Central Government; and

(d) whether the States have recommended some other measures not included by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the item-wise details of the Revised norms for Central assistance for natural calamities is given vide Annexure. (See Appendix (XXXIX, Annexure No. 3) These norms have come into force from 1st July, 1986.

(c) and (d) These revised norms have

Implementation of National Capital Region Plan

98. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed for completion of various aspects of implementation of the National Capital Region plan; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a single high power cordinating body to look into the various aspects of the implementation of the National Capital Region plan without any delayy or procedural botteleneck?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The NCR Plan is still under preparation.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The NCR Planning Board has been [illegible] the Chair-
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(8) a full time Member Secretary to the Board, to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst officers of or above the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Telugu-Ganga Project

99. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to consider the Telugu-Ganga Project was fixed in the first week of June, 1986, which was to be presided over by the Minister for Water Resources;

(b) if so, the specific aspects concerning the Telugu-Ganga project, which were scheduled to be discussed at the meeting;

(c) the reasons for which the meeting was subsequently cancelled; and

(d) the reasons for not clearing this project by the Centre so far though it is in accordance with the recommendations of the Bachawat Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The inter-State aspects of the irrigation component of the project.

(c) Some of the Chief Ministers intimated their inability to attend the meeting on that day.

(d) The techno-economic viability of the project is under examination in the Central Water Commission and certain clarifications in that regard are awaited from the State Government. The State Government is also to obtain clearance from the environmental angle and for the release of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act. The objections raised by the States of Maharasntra and Karnataka are also required to be sorted out.

Irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh

100. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of irrigation projects relating to Andhra Pradesh which are pending clearance by the Central Government; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in giving clearance to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 11 major and 6 medium irrigation projects have been sent by Andhra Pradesh for clearance.

(b) The projects are pending clearance broadly because of the following reasons:

(1) delay in the submission of complete data/information by the State Government in response to the comments of the Central Water Commission/Department of Environment and Forest.

(2) inter-State aspects to be resolved with the concerned States.

(3) clearance from the environmental angle and for the release of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act.

Construction of T. V. Studio at Vijayawada

101. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to select a site for the television studio to be constructed at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh as sanctioned by the Central Government in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the deails of the progress made so far for the Completion of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Technical survey of the possible sites has been carried out. Final selection of site is to be made.